

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

The organisational set-up, staff, duties and functions of the departments not mentioned in other chapters are briefly given here.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Health, Buildings and Roads and Irrigation are three wings of the Public Works Department located in the district.

Public Health

The public health works which include sewerage, water-supply and sanitary installations are under the charge of the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Public Health Circle, Ambala. He is assisted by 5 Executive Engineers, holding charge of separate divisions. The Superintending Engineer, Ambala is under the administrative control of Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Public Health, Haryana, Chandigarh.

Public Health Division, Ambala.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer, who is assisted by four Sub-Divisional Engineers, namely, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division No. I, Ambala, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division No. II, Ambala, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Pinjore and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Chandigarh.

Public Health Division, Yamunanagar.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer who is assisted by three Sub-Divisional Engineers, namely Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health (Construction) Sub-Division, Yamunanagar, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Narayangarh and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Health Sub-Division, Jagadhri.

The public health divisions at Ambala and Yamunanagar undertake the execution, maintenance and operation of works connected with public health engineering. The works in urban areas are executed on behalf of the local bodies.

Mechanical Public Health Division, Ambala.—The division looks after the installation of pumping machinery for the whole state. It is headed by an Executive Engineer, who is assisted by four Sub-Divisional Engineers ; two located at Ambala Cantonment and one each at Rohtak and Hisar.

Ground Water Investigation, Public Health Division, Ambala.—The division looks after the installation of tube-wells. It is headed by an Executive Engineer, who is assisted by three Sub-Divisional Engineers, namely, Sub-Divisional Engineer, Ground Water Investigation, Public Health Sub-Division, Ambala City ; Sub-Divisional Engineer, Investigation Sub-Division No. II, Ambala City and Sub-Divisional Engineer, Chemist, Public Health Sub-Division, Ambala Cantonment.

Planning and Investigation Division, Ambala City.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer who is assisted by 3 Sub-Divisional Officers, one each at Ambala City, Hisar and Karnal. The division looks after the preparation of estimates for drinking water supply in Ambala, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Jind, Sirsa and Hisar districts.

Buildings and Roads

There is a full-fledged circle located at Ambala Cantonment for the construction and maintenance of roads and government buildings in the Ambala district. A part of Kurukshetra district is also under the charge of Ambala Circle. This circle is headed by a Superintending Engineer. The circle has four divisions, one each at Ambala and Yamunanagar and two at Chandigarh. The administrative control at the state level lies with the Engineer-in-Chief Public Works Department (Buildings and Roads), Haryana, Chandigarh.

Provincial Division, Ambala.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer. There are five sub-divisions, viz. Provincial Sub-Division No. I (P), Ambala Cantonment ; Provincial Sub-Division No. II(P), Ambala ; Provincial Sub-Division No. III, Ambala ; Provincial Sub-Division (P) Shahazadpur and Maintenance Sub-Division (P), Ambala. This division controls construction of buildings and roads in Ambala tahsil and a part of Narayangarh tahsil.

Construction Division, Jagadhri.—The Executive Engineer is in charge of this division. There are four sub-divisions, viz., Provincial Sub-Division, Jagadhri ; Construction Sub-Division, Chhachhrauli ; Provincial Sub-Division, Sadhaura and Provincial Sub-Division, Narayangarh. The division controls buildings and roads works in Jagadhri tahsil and a part of Narayangarh tahsil.

Construction Division No. II, Chandigarh.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer. There are five sub-divisions, viz. Morni Hills Sub-Division, Panchkula ; Panchkula Sub-Division, Chandigarh ; Tourist Sub-Division, Pinjore ; Construction Sub-Division, Kalka and Rural Development Sub-Division, Chandigarh. The division controls buildings and roads works in Kalka tahsil and a part of Narayangarh tahsil.

Provincial Division No. I, Chandigarh.—The Executive Engineer is in charge of this division. There are four sub-divisions, viz. Provincial Sub-Division, Kalka; Provincial Sub-Division No. I, Chandigarh; Ghagghar Provincial Sub-Division, Chandigarh and Provincial Sub-Division No. II, Shahabad. The division looks after buildings and roads works in Kalka tahsil and maintains the national highway located in the district.

Electrical, Mechanical and Miscellaneous

Ambala Electrical Division (P), Ambala.—The division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer. He is assisted by 5 Sub-Divisional Officers, one of them located at Ambala and one each at Chandigarh, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Jind. The administrative control of the divisions is with Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, Karnal.

The division is responsible for the electrification of new buildings and maintenance and repair of electrical installations in government buildings in Ambala, Kurukshetra, and Jind districts.

Ambala Mechanical Division (T), Ambala.—The division is under the charge of an Executive Engineer who is assisted by three Sub-Divisional Officers. The sub-divisions are Mechanical Sub-Division, Ambala; Mechanical Sub-Division, Chandigarh and Earth Moving Sub-Division, Jagadhri. The division looks after the maintenance and repair of the building machinery.

The division is under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle, Karnal.

Survey and Project Division, Ambala.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer. It has 7 sub-divisions, two located at Ambala, two at Chandigarh and one each at Karnal, Jind and Hisar.

The division is responsible for the preparation of the survey and project reports of the new works in different districts of Haryana. The division is under the administrative control of Director, Research and Design, P.W.D. (B & R), Chandigarh.

Irrigation

The irrigation wing of the Public Works Department is represented in the district by divisions and circles mentioned below :

Dadupur Division, Western Yamuna (Jumna) Canal, Dadupur.—It functions under the control of the Western Yamuna (Jumna) Canal, (East) Circle, Delhi and is headed by an Executive Engineer. He is assisted by two Sub-Divisional Officers one each located at Tajewala and Dadupur. The division looks after the maintenance of the headworks at Tajewala, the carrier channel and regulation of supplies to Western Yamuna (Jumna) Canal. Besides, 1-L Minor, 2-L Minor, I-R Distributary, 2-R Distributary and Rafting Channel are maintained by this division.

Drainage Division, Kaithal.—The division is responsible for construction and maintenance of the drainage and flood protection works of the Ambala district (except Jagadhri tahsil) and Kurukshetra district. The drainage and flood protection works in Jagadhri tahsil are under the control of Jagadhri Drainage Sub-Division, Jagadhri of Drainage Division, Karnal. The division is under the administrative control of an Executive Engineer who is assisted by 4 Sub-Divisional Officers, 2 at Ambala and one each at Pundri and Kaithal. The Executive Engineer is under the control of Drainage Circle, Karnal.

Augmentation Division, Yamunanagar.—It is headed by an Executive Engineer who is assisted by 4 Sub-Divisional Officers located at Yamunanagar. The division is responsible for maintenance of Augmentation Canal of the Western Yamuna (Jumna) Canal.

Remodelling Division, Yamunanagar.—It is under the control of an Executive Engineer who is assisted by 3 Sub-Divisional Officers located at Yamunanagar. The division is responsible for the remodelling of Augmentation Canal and augmentation of the water-supply in the Western Yamuna (Jumna) Canal.

Satluj-Yamuna Link Circle No. I, Ambala.—The Circle is under the control of a Superintending Engineer who had 4 divisions, each under an Executive Engineer, located at Ambala. These divisions were further subdivided into 16 sub-divisions for execution of the work. The Sultej-Yamuna Link Circle No. I looks after the construction of first 17 kilometre of Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal in Haryana territory and the Naggal Lift Irrigation Scheme, alongwith the Tangri super-passage.

Satluj-Yamuna Link Circle II, Ambala.—The circle is under the control of a Superintending Engineer and there were 4 divisions, each under an Executive Engineer, located at Ambala. These divisions were further subdivided into 16 sub-divisions for the execution of the work. This circle was entrusted with construction of Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal from 17 km to 36 km along with pucca masonry work and the Markanda super-passage.

Project Division No. II, Ambala.—It is headed by an Executive Engineer and is assisted by 3 Sub-Divisional Officers located at Ambala. The division carries out investigations, surveys and prepares project estimates of various irrigation schemes in Haryana. The division works under the administrative control of the Superintending Engineer, Project and Design Circle, Chandigarh.

1. The work of drainage and flood protection in the Ambala district has now been transferred to the Drainage Division, Ambala.

Hathnikund Barrage Division, Yamunanagar.—The Hathnikund Barrage Division, Yamunanagar was entrusted with the work of investigation in connection with Hathnikund Barrage Project which envisaged the replacement of existing barrage at Tajewala and construction of channel to connect it with Western Yamuna (Jumna) Canal. The division was headed by an Executive Engineer under the administrative control of Superintending Engineer, Remodelling Circle, Karnal.

Besides the circles and divisions mentioned above, the Jhansa Sub-Division of Pehowa Division, Kaithal maintained Malaur, Jansui and Thaska distributaries and Naneola and Sheikhupura minors of Narwana Branch of Bhakra Main Canal which provided irrigation in the Ambala district.

HARYANA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD

The Operation Circle, Chandigarh headed by a Superintending Engineer, looks after the supply and maintenance of electricity to urban and rural areas of the Ambala district and provides new industrial, agricultural and domestic connections.

There are three operation divisions located at Ambala, Jagadhri and Pinjore. Besides, Operation-cum-Construction Sub-Division, Sadhaura; Operation Sub-Division, Barara and Operation-cum-Construction Sub-Division, Mustafabad of the Operation Division, Shahabad have their jurisdiction in Ambala district.

Operation Division, Ambala.—The division is under the control of an Executive Engineer who is assisted by 7 Sub-Divisional Officers, West Sub-Division, Ambala City; East Sub-Division, Ambala City, Model Town Sub-Division, Ambala City; Operation Sub-Division No. I, Ambala Cantonment; Operation Sub-Division No. II, Ambala Cantonment; Operation Sub-Division, Babyal and Construction Sub-Division, Ambala.

Operation Division, Jagadhri.—The division is under the control of an Executive Engineer. There are 9 sub-divisions viz., Operation Sub-Division No. I, Yamunanagar; Industrial Area Sub-Division, Jagadhri; City Sub-Division, Jagadhri; Operation-cum-Construction Sub-Division, Radaur; Operation-cum-Construction Sub-Division, Chhachhrauli; Assistant Engineer, Telecommunication and Sub-station Engineer, Yamunanagar; Assistant Engineer and Sub-station Engineer, Gobindpuri; Model Town Operation Sub-Division, Jagadhri and Sub-urban Sub-Division, Jagadhri.

Operation Division, Pinjore.—The division is headed by an Executive Engineer. He has 6 sub-divisions under his jurisdiction. These sub-divisions are Operation Sub-Divisions, Kalka; Sub-station Engineer, Pinjore; Operation and Construction Sub-Division, Narayangarh; Operation Sub-Division,

Shahazadpur ; Operation-cum-Construction Sub-Division, Panchkula and Assistant Engineer, Thermal Plant, Surajpur.

Besides the operation divisions, there is a Carrier Communication Division, Dhulkote under the administrative control of Maintenance Circle, Chandigarh; Transmission Construction Division No. I, Chandigarh under the administrative control of Transmission Construction Circle, Chandigarh ; Dhulkote Central Store under the administrative control of Controller of Stores, Chandigarh and Transformer Repair workshop Circle, Dhulkote.

Carrier Communication Division, Dhulkote.—The division is looked after by an Executive Engineer and is incharge of the telecommunication and internal carrier communication. It has sub-divisions at Panipat, Delhi and two sub-divisions at Dhulkote.

Transmission Construction Division No. I, Chandigarh.—It is looked after by an Executive Engineer who is assisted by 3 Sub-Divisional Officers. The Sub-Divisions are located at Ambala, Jagadhri and Kurukshetra. The division is incharge of the construction of grid sub-stations and 132 KV transmission lines.

Central Store, Dhulkote.—There is central store at Dhulkote, under the control of an Executive Engineer. There are sub-stores at Pinjore, Jagadhri, Shahabad and Kurukshetra.

Transformer Repair Workshop, Dhulkote.—The transformer repair workshop at Dhulkote is looked after by an Additional Chief Engineer. The transformers are manufactured and repaired in the workshop.

In 1977, there were one 132 KV grid sub-station at Pinjore, six 66 KV grid sub-stations at Babyal, Mustafabad, Jansui, Surajpur, Jagadhri and Gobindpuri (Jagadhri) and eight 33KV grid sub-stations at Narayangarh, Barara, Sadhaura, Shahazadpur, Kesri, Barwala, Bilaspur, Chhachhrauli and Ashoka Steel, Ambala.

COOPERATIVE DEPARTMENT

The department is represented in the district by three Assistant Registrars, Co-operative Societies viz., Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies (General Line), Ambala City ; Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies (General Line), Yamunanagar and Assistant Registrar, Milk Supply Co-operative Societies, Ambala City. The Assistant Registrar, Milk Supply Co-operative Societies is under the administrative control of Deputy Registrar, Milk Supply Co-operative Societies, Chandigarh whereas the other Assistant Registrars are under Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Kurukshetra. The Assistant Registrars (General Line) are responsible for the healthy growth and development of cooperative movement in the district. They arrange adequate

and timely supply of short, medium and long-term credit through Central Co-operative Banks, Land Development Banks and village cooperative credit and service (mini banks) societies. They also arrange the supply of agricultural inputs such as chemical fertilizers, improved seeds, insecticides and pesticides. To ensure remunerative prices to the farmers, their produce is routed through the marketing co-operative societies. Besides, consumer goods like sugar, foodgrains, kerosene oil, etc. are also arranged through a net work of co-operatives in the rural and urban areas.

In June, 1978, the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Ambala City was assisted by six Inspectors (General Line) with headquarters at Ambala City, Ambala Cantonment, Barara, Shahazadpur, Raipur Rani and Pinjore and four Inspectors (Special Line) all posted at Ambala City. The Assistant Registrar, Yamunanagar was assisted by nine Inspectors, six Inspectors of (General Line); one each posted at Yamunanagar, Jagadhari, Bilaspur, Sadhaura, Narayangarh and Chhachhrauli and three Inspectors (Special Line) all posted at Yamunanagar. Two Inspectors (Industrial) borne on the strength of the Industrial Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Karnal also assist the Assistant Registrars, Co-operative Societies, Ambala and Yamunanagar in the work connected with cooperative industrial development.

The Assistant Registrar, Milk Supply Co-operative Societies is responsible for organising the milk supply co-operative societies in the district. He advances loans to the co-operative societies (milk) for the purchase of milch cattle. In June, 1978, 6 Inspectors (Milk Supply), two at Ambala City and one each at Barara, Jagadhri, Narayangarh and Shahazadpur assisted the Assistant Registrar, Milk Supply Co-operative Societies, Ambala city.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The district treasury is under the control of a Treasury Officer, assisted by 4 Assistant Treasury Officers one each for the sub-treasuries¹ at Jagadhri, Narayangarh, Kalka and Chhachhrauli. The functions of the treasury and sub-treasuries are to make receipts and payments on behalf of the government and to maintain accounts thereof.

The cash transactions on behalf of the government are conducted by the State Bank of India at Ambala City, Ambala Cantonment, Jagadhri and Narayangarh and the State Bank of Patiala at Kalka, Yamunanagar and Chhachhrauli.

1. Two more sub-treasuries namely Barara and Raipur Rani were opened on August 12, 1980 and November 7, 1980 respectively under the control of Treasury Officer, Ambala. Each of these is manned by an Assistant Treasury Officer.

FOOD AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

This department is represented by a District Food and Supplies Controller who is assisted by one District Food and Supplies Officer, 10 Assistant Food and Supplies Officers and 38 Inspectors. He functions under the administrative control of the Director, Food and Supplies, Haryana. He is responsible for procurement of foodgrains and their despatches to other states as also to the deficient areas within the state, proper storage of the stocks of foodgrains and maintenance of buffer stocks for the lean period. He also arranges equitable distribution of sugar, kerosene oil, cement, coal/coke, vegetable ghi and other essential supplies at reasonable controlled prices through 462 fair price shops (134 in urban and 328 in rural areas). These activities are regulated/carried out through various control/licensing orders issued by the Food and Supplies Department mainly under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Three check posts/barriers have been set up by the department in this district to prevent the smuggling of foodgrains to other states. These are located at Kalesar, Ranjitpura (Jagadhri tahsil) and Kala Amb (Narayangarh tahsil).

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Economic and Statistical Organisation is represented in the district by a District Statistical Officer. He collects, compiles, analyses and maintains statistics relating to various socio-economic aspects of the district. He also checks and scrutinizes periodical progress reports prepared by the Block Development and Panchayat Officers and by various other district officers and prepares the district statistical abstract containing comprehensive data on various socio-economic aspects. He also prepares a municipal year book giving detailed statistical information regarding towns.

He conducts various socio-economic surveys assigned by the Economic and Statistical Adviser to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh from time to time. For preparing consumers' price index, he collects data relating to weekly retail prices of commodities and services of Yamunanagar and Jagadhri. He also collects weekly retail prices of essential commodities of Ambala city with a view to keep close watch on the movement of prices. His duties include maintenance of record about the arrival of essential commodities in different *mandis*/markets and their disposal, checking of season and crop reports, maintenance and checking the registers of farm holdings and family budget survey and conducting of annual census of government employees, etc. The District Statistical Officer co-ordinates the statistical activities of various departments in the district and also renders them technical guidance regarding the collection and compilation of statistics.

The District Statistical Officer has been given additional charge of the District Planning Officer. He assists in the formulation of district development plans under the guidance and direction of the District Planning Advisory Board, the District Planning Committee and the District Executive Council which work under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner. He also assists the Deputy Commissioner in reviewing periodically the progress of various plan schemes being implemented in the district.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The department is represented by the District Public Relations Officer who is assisted by 1 Assistant Public Relations Officer at Narayangarh, 4 Information Centre Assistants, one each at Ambala, Jagadhri, Narayangarh and Kalka, 3 Radio Mechanics (one each at Jagadhri, Narayangarh and Ambala City) and 2 Cinema Operators (one each at Ambala City and Narayangarh), one drama party and one *bhajan* party. There are four information centres, one each at Ambala City, Jagadhri, Narayangarh and Kalka.

The District Public Relations Officer maintains constant liaison with the press and the public in general. He undertakes publicity drives through meetings, cinema shows, drama performances and personal contacts with a view to inform and educate the people about various programmes and policies formulated by the government and development made in different fields. He also keeps the government informed of public reactions to its plan and policies and conveys public grievances to the district and state authorities. He is incharge of Community Listening Scheme under which radio sets have been allotted to panchayats, co-operative societies and schools.